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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Examiner: TBD

For: VEGF-C or VEGF-D Materials and Methods for  
Stimulation of Neural Stem Cells

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in connection with the filing of a US national phase application based on the above international application.

**Amendment to the claims:** there are no amendments to the claims

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